

TWO members of Wycombe Wanderers' squad last season — Geoff Anthony and Dave Alexander — have joined other clubs (writes Stuart Earp).

Winger Anthony, who returned to Wycombe last term and established a regular place in the front three, joins John Delaney at Hayes while Alexander will play for Woking, probably teaming up with another former Wanderers midfield man, Derek Cotterill.

Manager Ted Powell announced the departures this week and also confirmed that Terry Reardon, the inspiration in midfield last season, had decided to join local rivals Slough Town. Ted told me that he was disappointed to lose Reardon, who had indicated verbally that he would be stay-

ing with the Blues. Slough's offer, however, must have been a good one to take Terry away from Loakes Park where he was a popular and respected player.

He will be difficult to replace for he fulfilled two vital roles at Wycombe. Not only was he the main ball winner in the centre of the three but he is also a marvellous distributor of the ball and has a depth of vision unrivalled by most other players in this standard of football.

Terry joined Wycombe in November '73 and was one of

the main reasons for the club's success in both league and cup competitions over the last three years. He returns to Slough where he spent nine seasons before coming to Wanderers. His brother John, incidentally, is to continue as the Blues assistant manager under Ted Powell. This will be a great help to the new manager as John's knowledge and hard work has stood Wycombe in good stead over the years.

Meanwhile, manager Powell's search for new players still goes on. Ted hopes to complete several signings

BLUES EXEMPT

IN the last two years, Wycombe Wanderers have failed to reach the first round of the F. A. Trophy, losing both third qualifying round matches. But the Blues are certain of a place in round one next season as they are exempt from all the qualifying rounds and come into the competition at the first round stage. In the F.A. Cup Wanderers are exempt until the fourth qualifying round.

this week, including some strikers.

He has also been busy arranging pre-season friendlies before the league programme kicks off on August 21 with a home match against Tooting and Mitcham. Four games have been fixed so far. On August 7 there is an attractive friendly against Derby County XI which should include some first team players.

On August 11 Wimbledon visit the Blues, having switched the date from the 10th, while on the 13th Rothmans Northern League side Spennymoor United visit Loakes Park. The following day (August 14), Wanderers meet Redditch at home and Powell hopes to arrange one other friendly.

The club stage their annual general meeting at the Royal British Legion, High Wycombe, on Thursday night. The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.